WHEREAS, The efficient functioning of modern society is largely dependent upon effective communication, and the modern methods of communication have come more and more to rest in the hands of secretaries; and,

WHEREAS, The increasing amount of communications inherent in our complex society has made it necessary for today's secretary to acquire technical skills, and to assume the responsibility for countless details in the operation of a business; and,

WHEREAS, Today's secretary must have at command tact, diplomacy, increasing business and economic knowledge, and decision-making ability in the greater role the secretary is performing as a member of the management team; and,

WHEREAS, The important contribution made by secretaries in business, government, and the professions of our country has been recognized by designating the last week in April as Secretaries Week and Wednesday, April 27, 1977, as Secretaries Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I. RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby declare the week of April 24-30, 1977, as

SECRETARIES WEEK

and Wednesday, April 27, 1977, as

SECRETARIES DAY

in the State of South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize the efforts made by our secretaries in the operation of industry, the professions, and government, which have made them truly silent partners in American business.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 6th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Sevensy Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE